

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, well, I think the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) makes a strong point and also the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM).

The fact remains that we have not gotten the job done for the American people on health care. One of the proudest moments that I have there in this House was the day that we passed, in a bipartisan way, a strong bipartisan way, a meaningful, effective Patients' Bill of Rights.

Republicans and Democrats worked together to get the job done. We have proven over and over again in this body that, when we work together, good things happen. Very seldom does a really meaningful piece of legislation ever go through this House that is not bipartisan. Yet, we continue this partisan bickering. The American people do not care about this. They want us to get the job done, and it is time for us to do that.

I would hope that, when we do come back, whether it be this year or in the 107th Congress, that we will, in a bipartisan way, address these things that are so desperately needed in this country, like a Patients' Bill of Rights, and do it in a bipartisan way.

I have never on issues pertaining to health care and the budget had any effort whatsoever made from the other side to even listen to our ideas, much less accept them, work together and try to work out a solution. I think it would be a wonderful thing if we would do that in a bipartisan way and solve some of these problems.

We have got to solve the problem of our reimbursements for our hospitals, nursing homes, home health care providers. We know that.

The distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) has said earlier we cannot allow our rural hospitals to be destroyed because we did not deal with this problem. We have got to have prescription medicine for our seniors, and in a meaningful way, not in some clever gimmick that someone has thought up. We can do this in a bipartisan way.

I hope we come back after this time that we have spent here adjourns, and we go home, that we come back with a new resolve to get the job done in a bipartisan way.

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Certainly I think, to answer that question once again, how much is enough, certainly this is enough, and it is time for us to stop this, get the job done, get our work done, do what the

American people sent us here to do, and not continue this partisan bickering that we get blamed for and justifiably so. I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for his leadership.

Mr. PALLONE. I want to thank my colleagues. I think that we have made the point well this evening that we really want to get the work done and we want to accomplish things for the average American. Our only frustration tonight has been that we know that the Senate is out and there is no time to do this between now and election day. So let us just hope that tomorrow as the gentleman from Texas said that we stop the partisan bickering and basically recognize the fact that the time has run out and the only way we are going to accomplish this is when we come back after the election.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and November 3 on account of business in the district.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and November 3 on account of business in the district.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and before 2:00 p.m. November 3 on account of personal business in the district.

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of district-related business.

Ms. WATERS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WALDEN of Oregon) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GILCHREST, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on the House Administration, reported that the committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1550. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration, and for carrying out the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, for fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2462. An act to amend the Organic Act of Guam, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4846. An act to establish the National Recording Registry in the Library of Congress to maintain and preserve sound recordings that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5110. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 3470 12th Street in Riverside, California, as the "George E. Brown, Jr. United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5302. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 1010 Fifth Avenue in Seattle, Washington, as the "William Kenzo Nakamura United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5388. An act to designate a building proposed to be located within the boundaries of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, as the "Herbert H. Bateman Education and Administrative Center".

H.J. Res. 123. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2413. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedure and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, November 3, 2000, at 9 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for official foreign travel during the third quarter of 2000, by Committees of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows: